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Good morning,

I am writing in favor of the amendments to CrR and CrRLJ 4.7. I am a practicing attorney in Seattle Municipal Court and I see every day how much individuals are inhibited by restricted access to discovery – the very evidence that is being used against them. Often, folks cannot get time off from work to come into attorney's offices to review discovery with them. This results in attorneys missing anecdotal evidence and allowing possible investigation leads to lapse. Allowing individuals to participate in their cases by understanding fully the evidence against them and giving them a meaningful way to participate in their defense by using that evidence to assist their attorney with investigation, negotiation, and trial preparation will simultaneously give them the power to understand the legal system while alleviating attorney and staff workloads. This is especially true for in custody clients, who require visits scheduled days in advance to review discovery, which is often not practicable. Oftentimes, individuals don't fully understand the evidence against them and, as a result, make erroneous decisions about the trajectory of their cases. These amendments would help fix that.

Please amend CrR and CrRLJ 4.7 to allow accused people access to redacted discovery.

Sincerely,
Jessamine Anderson